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1. TURKEY. SOURCE FAVORS CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR DEEP SEABEDS REGIME AS ALTERNATIVE TO ENTERPRISE AND US SYSTEM, AND DOES NOT LIKE ITALIAN PROPOSAL. FAVORS PROVISIONAL APPLICATION OF REGIME FOR DEEP SEABEDS MINERALS AND FISHERIES.

2. AUSTRIA. DELOFF (LEIFER) REPORTED THAT CHILEAN DELEGATE ZEGERS HAD APPROACHED HIM WITH SUGGESTION LOS CONF BE HELD IN VIENNA IN 1974 AND SANTIAGO 1975. LEIFER TOLD HIM WHILE
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THIS HAD BEEN ORIGINAL PREFERENCE OF GOA, VIENNA NOW SOLIDLY

BOOKED IN 1974. ZEGERS SUGGESTED EVENTUAL TREATY BE KNOWN AS CONVENTION OF SANTIAGO AND VIENNA. LEIFER GAVE PERSONAL COMMENTS THIS FORMULA ACCEPTABLE TO AUSTRIA BUT DOUBTS CONVENTION COULD BE READIED EVEN IN 1975 IF MORE ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS WERE NOT MADE PRIOR TO SANTIAGO.

3. SOUTH AFRICA. SOURCE STATED SA FIRMLY BEHIND EXCLUSIVELY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR POLLUTION SO LONG AS SUFFICIENT COMPETENCE REMAINS WITHIN COASTAL STATE (CS) TO COPE WITH EMERGENCIES. CONTRARY TO REPORTS SA HAS NOT ESTABLISHED 200 MILE POLLUTION CONTROL ZONE; ONLY ENACTED LEGISLATION REQUIRES TANKERS TO STAY OUTSIDE 12 MILE LIMIT. SA FAVORS FREE TRANSIT RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE TO THEIR SHIPS AND OTHERS VISITING THEIR PORTS. THEY COULD SUPPORT REDEFINITION OF INNOCENT PASSAGE SO LONG AS SUBSTANTIVE RIGHT OF FREE TRANSIT REMAINS.

4. MEXICO. SOURCE REPORTED THAT COASTAL STATE GROUP WORKING ON, AMONG OTHER THINGS COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT ARTICLES ON TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE, WILL LIMIT ARCHIPELAGIC CONCEPT TO "OCEANIC ARCHIPELAGOS."

5. GREECE.

(A) RADM KILOKYTHAS AND CAPT N. DONTAS INSURED DELOFFS U.S. WOULD HAVE NO TRANSIT PROBLEMS IN AEGEAN BECAUSE OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIP. DELOFFS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION BUT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR LOS TREATY FOR OUR PROTECTION ON WORLDWIDE BASIS. GREECE'S PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE ISLANDS AND STRAITS WITH REGIME

OF ISLANDS MOST IMPORTANT. GREECE WANTS TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO AS PER 1958 CONVENTION WITH EACH ISLAND HAVING OWN TERRITORIAL SEA. TURKEY IS ADVOCATING "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" RULE WHICH, ACCORDING TO GREEKS, WOULD REMOVE GREEK SOVEREIGNTY FROM HALF THEIR ISLANDS. GREECE HAS PROPOSED DEALING WITH THIS PROBLEM OUTSIDE LOS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES INVOLVED BUT TURKEY HARDENING ITS POSITION AS RESULT OF TUNISIAN AND AFRICAN SUPPORT.

(B) U.S. DELOFFS STATED OUR CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN DIRECTED PRIMARILY TOWARD PROBLEM POSED BY MID-OCEAN ARCHIPELAGO CLAIMS AND WE HAD NOT FOCUSED IN DETAIL
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ON ISLANDS. GREEKS SAID INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT WOULD BE IDEAL SOLUTION FOR THEM BUT UNATTAINABLE; 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AROUND EACH ISLAND WOULD ALSO TAKE CARE OF THEIR PROBLEMS. HE PRESSED HARD FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF THEIR POSITION ON ISLANDS AND TO LET THEM KNOW ASAP WHEN U.S. POSITION IS DEVELOPED.

(C) KOLOKYTHAS MENTIONED IDENTIFY OF U.S.-GREECE INTERESTS SEVERAL TIMES AND THEIR ADVOCACY OF FREEDOM OF THE

SEAS. U.S. DELOFFS POINTED OUT CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER GOG CO-SPONSORSHIP OF STRAITS ARTICLES TABLED IN MARCH. THEY RESPONDED THAT IN RETURN FOR U.S. SUPPORT ON ISLANDS THEY COULD GUARANTEE THEIR SILENCE ON STRAITS ISSUE. FOLLOWING SOLUTION ON ISLANDS THEY WOULD WORK FOR ACCOMMODATION OF OUR STRAITS REQUIREMENTS. THEY BELIEVE FINAL SOLUTION WOULD BE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN U.S. POSITION AND ARTICLES CO-SPONSORED BY GREECE, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ITALIAN ARTICLES.

6. HUNGARY. ZADOR INDICATED GOH NOT FOCUSED YET ON LOS MATTERS AND HE THEREFORE UNWILLING TO VENTURE OPINION ON THEIR POSITION ALTHO HE AGREED THEY WERE IN GENERAL CONFORMITY WITH EE BLOC POSITIONS. AS SOLE REP HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET FULLY INFORMED BUT INDICATED FOCUS FORTHCOMING AFTER SESSION COMPLETED.

7. FRG. METTERNICH AND KEHOEN INDICATED SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION ON ALL NAVIGATION ASPECTS INCLUDING MILITARY FREE TRANSIT. THEY WILL SUPPORT EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF IMCO TO SET SHIP-SOURCE POLLUTION STANDARDS AND FAVOR LIMITED COASTAL STATE ENFORCEMENT RIGHTS.

8. FIJI. SOURCE INDICATED UK PROPOSAL ON ARCHIPELAGOS DOES NOT MEET FIJI NEEDS BECAUSE OF RESULTANT INDENTATION. ACCEPTANCE POSSIBLE IF LIMITATION BASED ON MAXIMUM BASELINE LENGTH BUT FIJI DOES NOT LIKE LAND/WATER RATIO. BASELINES OF APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES DESIRED. (NOTE: THIS RESULTS IN RATIO GREATER THAN 1/5.) SOURCE SAID MAURITIUS HAS NEVER CLAIMED AND DOES NOT WANT ALL ITS ISLANDS WITHIN BASELINES; IT WANTS THREE SEPARATE ARCHIPELAGO GROUPS. ONE OF MARITIUS ISLAND GROUPS HAS LARGE CONTINENTAL SHELF WHICH GOM REALLY WANTS. GOM IN FULL ACCORD WITH FIJI ON FREEDOM OF PASSAGE. BASSIN
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